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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CIA Appointments

The Post, on May 16 reported that members of the intelligence community were critical of CIA Director William Casey's appointment of a non-CIA professional to be deputy director for operations at the agency. The Operations, or espionage, Directorate is the most sensitive element of the CIA and requires professional leadership. Yet Mr. Casey is ultimately responsible for how well the directorate performs. He is entitled to select his own team and should be judged on the results, not the appointment.

I received similar criticism in 1977 when I made changes and reductions in the Directorate of Operations. These proved to be eminently successful. Let's give Director Casey his chance without the burden of premature criticism.

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